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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: KLAUS-PETER CRONE ET AL.)

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**SOLAR CELLS** 

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 4, 2002, kindly amend the above identified application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 4 and 7 to read as follows.

1. A method of coating organic polymeric supporting materials with at least one photovoltaically active layer and annealing the materials thus coated, characterised in that the supporting material consists of a polymeric material with a glass transition temperature of from 90°C to 200°C and wherein coating is carried out at temperatures below the glass transition temperature and annealing at temperatures of at least 250°C, by means of a laser for 0.01 to 1 s with an energy to 2 to 5000 watt per mm<sup>2</sup>.

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